

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph found at page 3, line 17 with the following paragraph:

In one aspect, the isolated nucleic acid molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence having at least about 80% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 81% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 82% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 83% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 84% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 85% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 86% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 87% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 88% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 89% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 90% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 91% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 92% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 93% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 94% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 95% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 96% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 97% nucleic acid sequence identity, alternatively at least about 98% nucleic acid sequence identity and alternatively at least about 99% nucleic acid sequence identity to (a) a DNA molecule encoding a FGF-19~~PEACH~~ polypeptide having the sequence of amino acid residues from about 1 or about 23 to about 216, inclusive, of Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:2), or (b) the complement of the DNA molecule of (a).

Please replace the paragraph found at page 109, line 16 with the following paragraph:

Twelve micrograms of the desired plasmid DNA is introduced into approximately 10 million CHO cells using commercially available transfection reagents SUPERFECTS~~Superfect~~[®] (Quiagen), DOSPER~~Dosper~~[®] or FUGENE~~Fugene~~[®] (Boehringer Mannheim). The cells are grown as described in Lucas et al., supra. Approximately 3 x 10⁻⁷ cells are frozen in an ampule for further growth and production as described below.

Please replace the paragraph found at page 112, line 3 with the following paragraph:

Recombinant baculovirus is generated by co-transfecting the above plasmid and BACULOGOLD~~BaculoGold~~TM virus DNA (Pharmingen) into *Spodoptera frugiperda* ("Sf9") cells (ATCC CRL 1711) using lipofectin (commercially available from GIBCO-BRL). After 4 - 5 days of incubation at 28°C, the released viruses are harvested and used for further amplifications. Viral infection and protein expression are performed as described by O'Reilley et al., Baculovirus expression vectors: A Laboratory Manual, Oxford: Oxford University Press (1994).